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The Washington Monthly College Guide

Other guides ask what colleges can do for you. We ask what colleges are doing for the country.

By The Editors

Each year, in late summer, *U.S. News & World Report* releases its annual rankings of colleges. First published in 1983, the guide has become its own mini-event: College presidents, education reporters, alumni, parents, and high school juniors alike all scramble to get their hands on the rankings. Its release is followed by weeks of gloating from the top-ranked schools and grumbling from those schools that dropped a slot (or 14) from the previous year. Inspired by the popularity, other guides—from *Princeton Review* to *Peterson's* to *Kaplan*—have rushed to compete. College rankings are now so influential that universities and higher-education journals hold regular chin-stroking sessions about whether the numbers-game has too much influence over the way schools behave. New York University's Vice President John Beckman sniffed to the *Harvard Crimson* this spring that the rankings "are a device to sell magazines that feed on an American fixation with lists," which is precisely what institutions say when they're trying to duck accountability.

There's a good reason for the American fixation with rankings—if done correctly, they can help tell us what's working and what's not. *Of course* universities ought to be judged. The key is judging the right things.

All of the existing college rankings have the same aim—to help overwhelmed parents and students sift through the thousands of colleges and universities in this country by giving them some yardstick for judging the "best" schools. Whether the guides actually do measure academic excellence—as opposed to, say, academic reputation (not always the same thing)—is debatable at best (see "Broken Ranks," by Amy Graham and Nicholas Thompson, September 2001). The publishers of these guides argue that they are providing a valuable consumer service. Parents who will shell out tens of thousands of dollars to put their teenagers through college need to know they are spending their money wisely.

How much more important, then, is it for taxpayers to know that their money—in the form of billions of dollars of research grants and student aid—is being put to good use? These are institutions, after all, that produce most of the country's cutting-edge scientific research and are therefore indirectly responsible for much of our national wealth and prosperity. They are the path to the American dream, the surest route for hard-working poor kids to achieve a better life in a changing economy. And they shape, in profound and subtle ways, students' ideas about American society and their place in it. It seemed obvious to us that these heavily subsidized institutions ought to be graded on how well they perform in these roles, so we set out to create the first annual Washington Monthly College Rankings. While other guides ask what colleges can do for students, we ask what colleges are doing for the country.

Iowa State beats Princeton

The first question we asked was, what does America need from its universities? From this starting point, we came up with three central criteria: Universities should be

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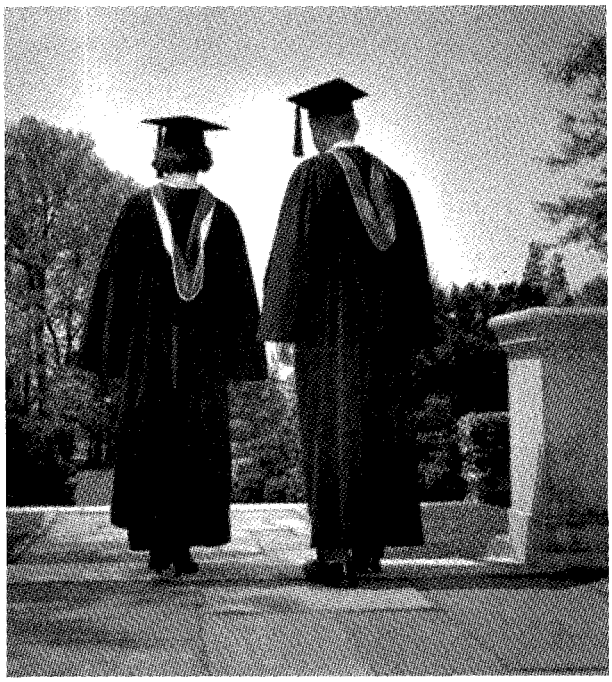

Top 30 National Universities	Rank in U.S. News's College Guide
1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology	7
2. University of California, Los Angeles*	25
3. University of California, Berkeley*	20
4. Cornell University (NY)	13
5. Stanford University (CA)	5
6. Pennsylvania State University*	48
7. Texas A&M University*	60
8. University of California, San Diego*	32
9. University of Pennsylvania	4
10. University of Michigan*	25
11. Johns Hopkins University (MD)	13
12. University of Wisconsin, Madison*	34
13. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*	42
14. University of Washington, Seattle*	45
15. Yale University (CT)	3
16. Harvard University (MA)	1
17. University of California, Davis*	48
18. Northwestern University (IL)	12
19. University of Southern California (CA)	30
20. The University of Chicago (IL)	15
21. Duke University (NC)	5
22. University of Virginia*	23
23. University of Texas, Austin*	52
24. Case Western Reserve University (OH)	37
25. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*	27
26. Georgetown University (DC)	23
27. University of Notre Dame (IN)	18
28. Washington University in St. Louis (MO)	11
29. Ohio State University*	60
30. University of Florida*	50

* public university

engines of social mobility, they should produce the academic minds and scientific research that advance knowledge and drive economic growth, and they should inculcate and encourage an ethic of service. We designed our evaluation system accordingly. (See "A Note on Methodology," p. 26.)

Given our very different way of measuring success, we suspected that the marquee schools routinely found at the top of *U.S. News*'s list might not finish at the very top of ours—but even we were surprised by what the data revealed. Only three schools in the 2006 *U.S. News* top ten are among our highest-ranked: MIT, Stanford, and the University of Pennsylvania. In addition, while the private colleges of the Ivy League dominate most rankings of the nation's best colleges, they didn't dominate ours—only Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania made our top ten, and Princeton (tied with Harvard for the top slot on *U.S. News*'s list last year) was all the way down at #44, a few slots behind South Carolina State University.

Our list was also more heavily populated with first-rate state schools (the University of California system scored particularly well) than that of *U.S. News*, which has no public universities within its top ten. UCLA finished second in our overall ranking, UC-Berkeley third, Penn State University sixth, Texas A&M seventh, UC-San Diego eighth and the University of Michigan tenth. Each of our highest-rated schools are, by any reasonable national measure, academically serious schools. But they are not the super-elite—the Harvards and Yales—that normally dominate lists of the nation's "best" universities.

The schools that topped our list didn't necessarily do so for the reasons you might expect. MIT earned its number one ranking not because of its ground-breaking research (although that didn't hurt), but on the basis of its commitment to national service—the school ranked #7 in that category, far better than most of its elite peers. Similarly, UCLA, which finished second on our overall list, excelled in research and came in first in our social mobility rating because of its astoundingly high graduation rate given its large number of lower-income students. (Schools in the University of California's system were consistently high performers in this area: UCLA took top honors, with UC-San Diego, UC-Davis, UC-Berkeley, and UC-Riverside not far behind.) At the same time, Princeton finished behind schools such as the University of Arizona and Iowa State—schools with which it probably does not often consider itself to be in competition—not just because of its comparatively low research numbers, which are perhaps to be expected given that the university doesn't have a medical school and considers its mission to be teaching, not research. What really did in Princeton were mediocre scores on national service and social mobility, categories in which it should have excelled.

Other priorities

Princeton's comparatively low ranking is evidence of

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something else indicated by our numbers. Schools that are similar in size, prestige, and endowment end up in very different places on The Washington Monthly College Rankings, largely because of decisions they have made about how to prioritize their resources or focus their energies. When it comes to social mobility, for instance, Harvard has the lowest percentage of Pell Grant recipients in its student body of any school in the country. By comparison, Columbia, whose institutional ambitions and prestige are similar to Harvard's, has twice as many lower-income students as its counterpart on the Charles River; Cornell has nearly three times the number. Public universities provide some equally interesting data: Both Indiana University and the University of Virginia are the most elite public institutions in states with populations of roughly similar wealth, yet the percentage of IU students who are Pell Grant recipients is nearly twice that of UVa.

On research, as well, the results are interesting. The big state schools finished somewhat higher than we had expected, and the super-elite schools (the Cal Techs and Harvards) fell somewhat lower. Even so, we were caught off-guard by some of the top finishers, including University of California's San Diego campus. UCSD is not normally considered among the elite UC campuses—UCLA and UC-Berkeley have that distinction—much less top-tier national schools. But it has quietly rounded up a formidable team of scholars. Nine Nobelists are on faculty at UCSD (Dartmouth, by comparison, has none), and the National Research Council recently ranked its Oceanography, Neurosciences, Physiology, and Bioengineering departments either first or second in the country. This concentration of talent translates into direct benefits for the surrounding community: Forty percent of the companies in San Diego's biotech corridor are spin-offs of research based at UCSD. These accomplishments landed UCSD in the sixth slot for research grants, and eighth on the overall rankings.

Perhaps the most striking data, however, is found in national service. Our measures here were simple: whether a school devotes a significant part of its federal work study funding to placing students in community service jobs (as the original work study law intended); the percentage of students enrolled in ROTC; and the percentage of graduates currently enrolled in the Peace Corps. All schools, large and small, are capable of excelling in these areas. In fact, we found that while some very small and nationally unknown schools have made an aggressive commitment to national service, most of the highest ranking *U.S. News* schools have not. The University of Portland, for example, finishes first in national service while Harvard lingers down at #75. Harvard obviously has far more resources than the University of Portland, and there's no question that it could match Portland's remarkable performance on service if it chose to make a similar commitment to emphasizing those values among its students. But, at least by the criteria we set, it has not.

These service results haven't changed much since the first time we rated colleges on their commitment to national service (see "The Other College Rankings," by Joshua Green, Jan./Feb. 2002). But there's one nice surprise: MIT leaped from near the bottom of the pack three years ago to

A Note on Methodology

Each of our three categories included several components. We determined the Community Service score by measuring each school's performance in three different areas: the percentage of their students enrolled in the Army or Navy Reserve Officer Training Corps; the percentage of their students who are currently serving in the Peace Corps; and the percentage of their federal work-study grants devoted to community service projects. A school's Research score is based on two measurements: the total amount of an institution's research spending, and the number of Ph.Ds awarded by the university in the sciences and engineering. For both Community Service and Research, we weighted each component equally to determine a school's final score in the category.

The Social Mobility score was a little more complicated. We had data that told us the percentage of a school's students on Pell Grants, which is a good measure of a school's commitment to educating lower-income kids. But we wanted to know how many of these students graduate, and, unfortunately, schools aren't required to track those figures. So we devised our own method of estimating that statistic.

Because lower-income students at any school are less likely to graduate than wealthier ones, the percentage of Pell Grant students is an important indicator: If a campus has a large percentage of Pell Grant students—that is to say, if it is disproportionately poor—it will tend to diminish the school's overall graduation rate. Using data from all of our schools, we have constructed a formula (using a technique called regressional analysis) that will predict a school's likely graduation rate given its percentage of students on Pell. Schools that outperform their forecasted rate will score better than schools that match, or worse undershoot, the mark. For instance, 37 percent of UCLA's students receive Pell Grants from the federal government. Using our analysis, one would expect UCLA to have a much lower graduation rate (a mere 48 percent) than it does (a rather high 87 percent) making it the top performer in the category.

When it came to our methodology, we chose to pursue two primary goals. First, we did not consider any single category more important than any other. And second, the final rankings needed to reflect excellence across the full breadth of our measures, rather than rewarding an exceptionally high focus on, say, research.

All components were weighted equally when calculating the final score. In order to ensure that each measurement contributed equally to a school's score in any given category, we standardized the data sets so that each had a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. The data were also adjusted to account for statistical outliers. In our published list of universities and liberal arts colleges, the data listed reflect a school's actual performance within that criteria. However, for the purposes of calculating the final score, no school's performance in any single area was allowed to exceed three standard deviations from the mean of the data set.

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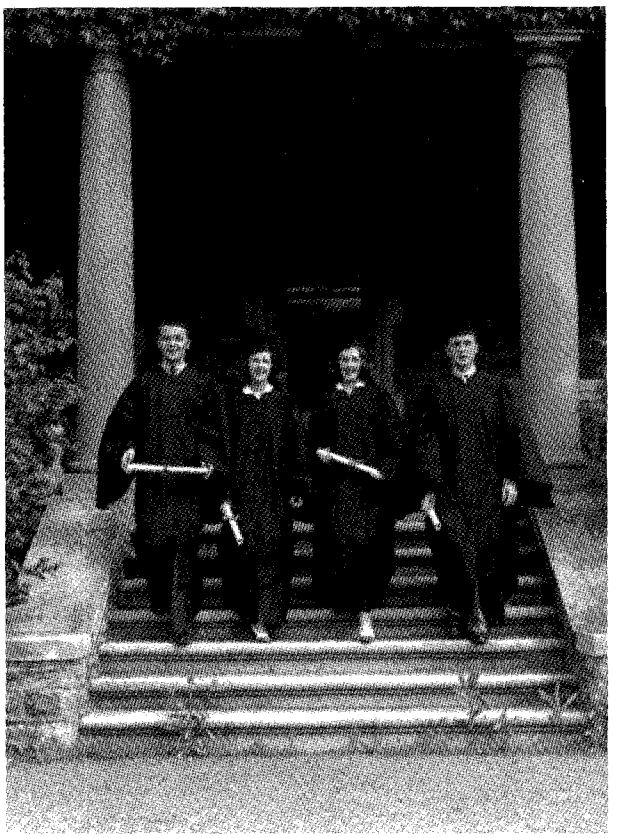

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Top 30 Liberal Arts Colleges	Rank in U.S. News's College Guide
1. Wellesley College (MA)	4
2. Wesleyan University (CT)	12
3. Bryn Mawr College (PA)	21
4. Harvey Mudd College (CA)	18
5. Fisk University (TN)	**
6. Amherst College (MA)	2
7. Haverford College (PA)	8
8. Wofford College (SC)	55
9. Colby College (ME)	20
10. Spelman College (GA)	73
11. Mount Holyoke College (MA)	23
12. Virginia Military Institute	73
13. Presbyterian College (SC)	100
14. Williams College (MA)	1
15. Furman University (SC)	41
16. Macalester College (MN)	25
17. Middlebury College (VT)	8
18. Barnard College (NY)	27
19. Occidental College (CA)	41
20. Bucknell University (PA)	27
21. Swarthmore College (PA)	3
22. Bates College (ME)	21
23. Whitman College (WA)	36
24. Claremont McKenna College (CA)	10
25. Grinnell College (IA)	15
26. Colorado College	27
27. College of the Atlantic (ME)	**
28. Morehouse College (GA)	**
29. Hamilton College (NY)	15
30. Carleton College (MN)	5

** *U.S. News* does not provide numerical rankings of all liberal arts colleges

near the top today.

We created a separate ranking for the nation's liberal arts colleges, and our results there confirmed these general trends. Some of the schools at the top of our list—including Wellesley and Bryn Mawr—are considered among the nation's most elite liberal arts colleges. But some schools we didn't expect—Wofford College, #8—or had simply never heard of—Presbyterian College, #13—crept into top slots. Though research rankings for both Presbyterian and Wofford were comparatively low, both schools produced extremely strong numbers for service, and performed well in the social mobility standings. And the traditional prestige schools didn't all benefit from the Washington Monthly ranking system. Williams, which *U.S. News* ranks as the top liberal arts school in the country, wound up at #14 on our list, one slot below Presbyterian, largely because of its weak service numbers.

Patriotic competition

A word on our criteria. This is the first Washington Monthly College Rankings. In future years, we would prefer to expand our criteria and develop an even more comprehensive measure of the qualities by which colleges and universities enrich our country. There's only one problem: Many of these data aren't available. We would love, for example, to add a category measuring academic excellence. It's nearly impossible, however, to directly gauge the quality of education a student receives at a given school. Most ranking systems rely on measures of inputs—such as the average SAT scores of the incoming class or the size of faculty salaries. But as Amy Graham and Nicholas Thompson noted in these pages four years ago, "[t]hat's like measuring the quality of a restaurant by calculating how much it paid for silverware and food: not completely useless, but pretty far from ideal."

There is one existing set of data that would do a great deal to answer that question: the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). NSSE compiles such information as the average number of hours students at a particular school spend doing homework or meeting with professors outside of class—measures which, studies show, are highly correlated with academic achievement. Unfortunately, the vast majority of colleges and universities refuse to grant NSSE permission to release their schools' scores to the public, and legislation to force them to do so, sponsored by Sen. Ted Kennedy (D-Mass.), has been stifled in Congress. Rather than use data that we believe doesn't accurately measure the quality of an undergraduate education, we chose not to include that category in this year's ranking. We hope to be able to add those measures in the future.

And while we're putting together our wish list, we have

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Top 10 Social Mobility Universities

1. University of California, Los Angeles*
2. Polytechnic University (NY)
3. University of California, Berkeley*
4. South Carolina State University*
5. University of California, San Diego*
6. Jackson State University (MS)*
7. University of California, Davis*
8. Cornell University (NY)
9. University of California, Riverside*
10. Brigham Young University (UT)

Top 10 Service Universities

1. University of Portland (OR)*
2. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
3. College of William and Mary (VA)*
4. George Washington University (DC)
5. Case Western Reserve University (OH)
6. University of San Diego (CA)
7. Texas A & M University*
8. Widener University (PA)
9. Georgetown University (DC)
10. University of Virginia*

Top 10 Research Universities

1. University of Wisconsin, Madison*
2. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*
3. University of California, Los Angeles*
4. Stanford University (CA)
5. University of Washington, Seattle*
6. University of California, Berkeley*
7. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
8. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*
9. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*
10. Pennsylvania State University*

* public university

a few additional requests. We would prefer that the federal government require every school to report the percentage of Pell Grant recipients who actually graduate, but it doesn't. We would love it if schools kept a systematic count of which professions their graduates entered—such as teaching—but they don't. And we would be thrilled if the federal government tabulated how many of its employees came from which schools.

Still, we have tried to abide by the best principles of social science and used the best data available to generate the closest possible measures of the qualities we value. It pleased us to use metrics for success that were almost all within the means of even the most modest of our nation's universities. For that is more or less the point of this exercise. Succeeding on the Washington Monthly ranking (and succeeding at serving the country) is within the reach of most schools. Granted, most colleges are unlikely to catch up to Johns

Hopkins on research overnight. But when it comes to service, Portland finishes first because it has made an institutional commitment to value that work. And in terms of social mobility, schools such as Alabama A&M and South Carolina State—hardly considered academic powerhouses—score very high because their graduation rates are well above what their Pell Grant numbers would have predicted.

The U.S. News rankings, and others like them, have had an impact. A growing body of reporting and scholarship shows that the criteria these guides use have sent administrators scurrying to increase the amount of money given by their alumni or the SAT scores of their incoming freshman in order to improve their score. Such measures have arguably very little impact on how well a school serves its student body, but as schools compete for students, every little thing—including rising or dropping two spots on a list—counts.

Imagine, then, what would happen if thousands of schools were suddenly motivated to try to boost their scores on the Washington Monthly College Rankings. They'd start enrolling greater numbers of low-income students and putting great effort into ensuring that these students graduate. They'd encourage more of their students to join the Peace Corps or the military. They'd intensify their focus on producing more Ph.D. graduates in science and engineering. And as a result, we all would benefit from a wealthier, freer, more vibrant, and democratic country. ◆

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National Universities

	Overall Score	% students receiving Pell grants	Predicted/ actual graduation rate	Change in graduation rates (rank)	Research grant $ in millions (rank)	Ph.D.s awarded (rank)	Peace Corps rank	ROTC rank	% work-study $ spent on service (rank)
1. Massachusetts Institute of Technology	100	13	72/92	20 (19)	455 (13)	402 (6)	32	4	20% (66)
2. University of California, Los Angeles*	93	37	47/87	40 (1)	788 (2)	390 (8)	70	133	17% (85)
3. University of California, Berkeley	92	32	53/85	32 (3)	475 (11)	583 (1)	20	122	18% (83)
4. Cornell University (NY)	86	17	68/92	24 (8)	496 (9)	336 (14)	23	55	17% (97)
5. Stanford University (CA)	84	12	73/94	21 (16)	538 (7)	462 (2)	22	157	20% (65)
6. Pennsylvania State University*	83	25	60/82	22 (14)	443 (14)	377 (9)	88	57	28% (37)
7. Texas A&M University*	83	16	69/75	6 (78)	437 (16)	361 (10)	154	9	31% (23)
8. University of California, San Diego*	82	30	55/83	28 (5)	585 (6)	219 (30)	72	157	34% (14)
9. University of Pennsylvania	79	10	75/92	17 (32)	522 (8)	217 (31)	13	62	18% (80)
10. University of Michigan *	79	13	72/85	13 (46)	674 (3)	426 (5)	33	116	11% (168)
11. Johns Hopkins University (MD)	78	11	74/88	14 (45)	1,140 (1)	224 (26)	26	37	14% (129)
12. University of Wisconsin, Madison*	78	12	73/76	3 (101)	662 (4)	445 (3)	14	124	15% (109)
13. University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign*	77	16	69/81	12 (54)	427 (18)	439 (4)	91	112	31% (26)
14. University of Washington, Seattle*	74	21	64/71	7 (72)	627 (5)	345 (13)	24	83	10% (180)
15. Yale University (CT)	73	10	75/96	21 (15)	354 (27)	213 (33)	9	157	16% (103)
16. Harvard University (MA)	73	7	78/98	20 (23)	401 (21)	312 (16)	35	157	23% (51)
17. University of California, Davis*	73	28	57/81	24 (7)	457 (12)	309 (17)	79	119	15% (117)
18. Northwestern University (IL)	72	9	76/93	17 (31)	282 (36)	202 (35)	17	24	13% (138)
19. University of Southern California (CA)	72	23	62/81	19 (24)	372 (25)	300 (18)	71	65	19% (73)
20. The University of Chicago (IL)	71	12	73/87	14 (44)	225 (46)	214 (32)	2	157	23% (49)
21. Duke University (NC)	70	11	74/94	20 (22)	442 (15)	163 (46)	30	42	10% (182)
22. University of Virginia*	70	8	77/92	15 (38)	182 (62)	161 (47)	8	28	10% (184)
23. University of Texas, Austin*	70	19	66/71	5 (84)	321 (30)	392 (7)	56	137	31% (25)
24. Case Western Reserve University (OH)	70	16	69/79	10 (63)	219 (50)	125 (66)	21	157	49% (4)
25. University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*	67	14	71/83	12 (55)	371 (26)	223 (27)	27	40	12% (154)
26. Georgetown University (DC)	66	11	74/93	19 (26)	96 (96)	64 (111)	1	27	8% (210)
27. University of Notre Dame (IN)	65	9	76/95	19 (25)	52 (120)	104 (76)	38	10	16% (106)
28. Washington University in St. Louis (MO)	65	7	78/89	11 (58)	417 (19)	147 (54)	52	41	19% (74)
29. The Ohio State University*	65	24	61/62	1 (111)	432 (17)	250 (23)	105	75	34% (16)
30. University of Florida*	64	24	61/77	16 (37)	386 (24)	314 (15)	86	106	12% (161)
31. College of William and Mary* (VA)	63	8	77/90	13 (51)	40 (134)	28 (167)	3	29	17% (94)
32. Columbia University (NY)	63	15	70/90	20 (18)	405 (20)	203 (34)	40	157	13% (136)
33. Vanderbilt University (TN)	62	11	74/83	9 (66)	208 (53)	124 (67)	51	13	18% (79)
34. Iowa State University*	62	25	60/66	6 (77)	189 (58)	183 (40)	119	143	49% (2)
35. Rice University (TX)	62	12	73/91	18 (30)	48 (122)	83 (93)	11	38	14% (123)
36. University of Rochester (NY)	61	18	67/78	11 (59)	262 (39)	127 (64)	44	20	13% (132)
37. Dartmouth College (NH)	60	13	72/95	23 (11)	127 (78)	64 (111)	4	157	12% (157)
38. University of California, Riverside*	60	45	40/64	24 (9)	112 (84)	90 (87)	140	157	44% (5)
39. The University of Arizona*	59	24	61/55	-6 (165)	391 (23)	260 (21)	82	80	31% (27)
40. South Carolina State University*	59	65	20/49	29 (4)	3 (215)	1 (228)	228	3	16% (107)
41. Carnegie Mellon University (PA)	59	12	73/81	8 (67)	188 (59)	141 (56)	53	18	16% (108)
42. George Washington University (DC)	59	9	76/75	-1 (128)	86 (101)	104 (76)	7	33	19% (72)
43. Brown University (RI)	58	11	74/96	22 (12)	109 (87)	96 (82)	6	157	8% (209)
44. Princeton University (NJ)	56	8	77/97	20 (20)	164 (68)	180 (41)	93	49	13% (141)
45. University of Portland (OR)	56	15	70/67	-3 (140)	1 (229)	0 (231)	29	5	28% (39)
46. New York University	56	19	66/79	13 (49)	223 (47)	165 (44)	42	157	23% (50)
47. Virginia Polytechnic and State University*	56	14	71/74	3 (100)	233 (44)	198 (36)	89	12	9% (196)
48. Syracuse University (NY)	56	20	65/81	16 (35)	46 (129)	78 (95)	55	114	32% (20)
49. Emory University (GA)	55	12	73/91	18 (29)	271 (37)	86 (92)	31	157	17% (92)
50. University of Iowa*	55	18	67/65	-2 (138)	289 (33)	116 (70)	57	154	40% (6)

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National Universities	Overall Score	% students receiving Pell grants	Predicted/ actual graduation rate	Change in graduation rates (rank)	Research grant $ in millions (rank)	Ph.D.s awarded (rank)	Peace Corps (rank)	ROTC (rank)	% work-study $ spent on service (rank)
51. Georgia Institute of Technology*	55	13	72/69	3 (143)	340 (28)	222 (28)	85	23	15% (112)
52. University of Minnesota, Twin Cities*	55	18	67/54	-13 (206)	494 (10)	351 (12)	228	130	34% (17)
53. University of California, Santa Barbara*	54	26	59/74	15 (39)	132 (77)	184 (39)	41	155	18% (82)
54. University of San Diego (CA)	54	18	67/72	5 (89)	3 (217)	0 (231)	37	2	15% (115)
55. Purdue University* (IN)	53	17	68/66	-2 (135)	286 (34)	357 (11)	153	60	18% (78)
56. University of Pittsburgh* (PA)	53	22	63/65	2 (107)	400 (22)	185 (38)	90	82	18% (84)
57. Fordham University (NY)	53	22	63/79	16 (33)	4 (212)	31 (163)	69	25	22% (57)
58. University of Maryland, College Park*	52	18	67/71	4 (91)	325 (29)	277 (19)	66	156	13% (134)
59. University of Colorado, Boulder*	52	14	72/68	-4 (148)	220 (49)	231 (24)	18	50	10% (185)
60. Boston University (MA)	52	12	74/75	1 (109)	193 (57)	155 (51)	28	35	10% (174)
61. Wake Forest University (NC)	51	8	77/87	10 (62)	112 (85)	35 (159)	19	32	10% (178)
62. Indiana University, Bloomington*	51	16	69/72	3 (99)	120 (82)	164 (45)	74	157	38% (10)
63. California Institute of Technology	51	16	70/88	18 (27)	220 (48)	135 (58)	39	157	9% (192)
64. Alabama A&M University*	50	69	16/38	22 (13)	16 (176)	5 (217)	228	36	29% (33)
65. Marquette University (WI)	49	15	70/76	6 (75)	10 (195)	15 (194)	45	7	7% (231)
66. Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RI)	49	20	65/81	16 (36)	46 (128)	121 (68)	142	26	13% (131)
67. Rutgers University, New Brunswick* (NJ)	49	27	58/72	14 (42)	230 (45)	227 (25)	213	152	17% (88)
68. Michigan State University*	48	19	66/69	3 (95)	290 (32)	252 (22)	65	150	11% (172)
69. Jackson State University* (MS)	48	73	11/37	26 (6)	25 (156)	4 (221)	228	21	14% (119)
70. The University of Montana*	48	38	47/45	-2 (137)	39 (135)	23 (178)	15	81	30% (29)
71. University of Missouri, Columbia*	47	17	68/66	-2 (136)	177 (65)	166 (43)	100	91	28% (36)
72. Widener University (PA)	47	24	61/58	-3 (142)	0 (235)	0 (231)	228	1	32% (19)
73. Auburn University* (AL)	47	16	69/68	-1 (132)	109 (90)	116 (70)	175	46	34% (15)
74. Illinois Institute of Technology*	47	19	66/67	1 (117)	20 (169)	57 (121)	64	11	16% (102)
75. Tufts University (MA)	47	11	74/90	16 (34)	109 (89)	67 (108)	16	157	10% (186)
76. University of the Pacific (CA)	46	37	48/68	20 (21)	2 (221)	5 (217)	123	157	36% (12)
77. University of Kentucky*	46	35	50/61	11 (56)	236 (43)	131 (62)	132	85	11% (163)
78. North Carolina State University*	46	16	70/63	-7 (172)	290 (31)	268 (20)	104	126	19% (75)
79. Boston College (MA)	46	10	75/89	14 (41)	32 (147)	53 (126)	12	157	14% (127)
80. University of Georgia*	46	14	71/71	0 (126)	285 (35)	221 (29)	97	103	13% (146)
81. University of Oregon*	44	26	59/60	1 (118)	44 (132)	80 (94)	10	100	9% (193)
82. Colorado State University*	44	18	67/62	-5 (162)	179 (64)	157 (50)	36	139	19% (71)
83. University of Idaho*	43	37	48/53	5 (80)	77 (106)	57 (120)	54	45	13% (140)
84. University of Alabama, Birmingham*	42	31	54/62	8 (68)	255 (41)	94 (85)	179	89	14% (125)
85. Oregon State University*	42	29	56/61	5 (82)	162 (70)	128 (63)	114	51	12% (158)
86. Tulane University (LA)	42	17	68/74	6 (74)	103 (95)	61 (116)	227	16	14% (124)
87. University of Wyoming*	41	28	57/57	0 (123)	42 (133)	43 (141)	76	66	28% (38)
88. University of Illinois, Chicago*	41	34	51/46	-5 (156)	260 (40)	149 (52)	81	54	11% (169)
89. University of Denver (CO)	41	14	71/71	0 (122)	11 (191)	33 (167)	5	157	12% (149)
90. University of California, Santa Cruz*	41	26	59/65	6 (76)	71 (108)	89 (90)	25	157	15% (113)
91. Polytechnic University (NY)	41	69	16/55	39 (2)	11 (190)	24 (175)	228	157	7% (223)
92. Lehigh University (PA)	41	12	73/86	13 (48)	23 (166)	78 (95)	120	31	7% (237)
93. Arizona State University*	40	24	61/52	-9 (190)	123 (80)	178 (42)	117	131	30% (31)
94. University of Massachusetts, Amherst*	40	23	63/64	1 (108)	109 (88)	127 (64)	78	115	16% (100)
95. Mississippi State University*	39	30	55/57	2 (105)	159 (71)	46 (138)	169	109	26% (43)
96. Oklahoma State University*	39	27	58/58	0 (120)	95 (98)	96 (82)	129	147	29% (34)
97. State University of New York, Stony Brook*	39	44	41/56	15 (40)	184 (61)	191 (37)	215	157	8% (207)
98. State University of New York, Buffalo*	39	38	47/57	10 (61)	242 (42)	142 (55)	146	157	10% (183)
99. Brandeis University (MA)	39	13	72/84	12 (52)	47 (126)	60 (118)	34	157	10% (175)
100. University of Nebraska*	39	21	64/59	-5 (157)	171 (66)	148 (53)	92	128	19% (70)

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101. University of Vermont*	39	16	69/70	1 (112)	89 (100)	28 (167)	48	90	17% (93)
102. Yeshiva University (NY)	39	13	72/72	0 (119)	157 (72)	68 (107)	228	157	38% (11)
103. Clemson University* (SC)	39	14	71/72	1 (115)	135 (75)	76 (100)	96	52	14% (120)
104. University of San Francisco (CA)	38	24	61/66	5 (81)	0 (237)	0 (231)	50	43	13% (137)
105. University of Delaware*	38	10	75/74	-1 (131)	85 (102)	102 (78)	121	125	25% (45)
106. Florida Institute of Technology*	38	23	62/54	-8 (184)	7 (201)	32 (160)	68	8	9% (199)
107. Northern Arizona University*	38	34	51/52	1 (116)	17 (174)	13 (202)	63	71	23% (52)
108. University of Utah*	38	26	59/51	-8 (182)	217 (52)	160 (48)	101	76	15% (111)
109. Baylor University (TX)	37	17	68/70	2 (106)	4 (210)	14 (198)	110	157	39% (8)
110. University of New Hampshire*	37	16	69/73	4 (94)	93 (99)	36 (153)	67	93	14% (118)
111. Worcester Polytechnic Institute (MA)	37	15	70/77	7 (73)	10 (192)	17 (189)	108	17	6% (240)
112. The Catholic University of America (DC)	37	12	73/69	-4 (154)	23 (164)	37 (149)	43	157	32% (21)
113. SUNY College of Environmental Science	37	33	52/70	18 (28)	26 (153)	30 (165)	62	157	10% (188)
114. Howard University (DC)	36	35	50/58	8 (70)	35 (143)	52 (127)	127	94	17% (96)
115. Old Dominion University* (VA)	36	28	57/42	-15 (208)	29 (151)	55 (124)	155	14	29% (35)
116. Pepperdine University (CA)	36	19	66/80	14 (43)	0 (237)	0 (231)	46	157	13% (133)
117. Texas A&M University, Kingsville*	36	60	25/22	-3 (144)	8 (199)	3 (226)	197	6	11% (173)
118. Loyola University, Chicago (IL)	36	26	59/68	9 (64)	38 (138)	51 (129)	163	157	26% (42)
119. University of Maine*	36	30	55/60	5 (83)	62 (116)	37 (149)	107	61	14% (128)
120. Florida State University*	36	25	60/63	3 (96)	134 (76)	115 (73)	118	134	13% (148)
121. University of Missouri, Rolla*	35	26	59/60	1 (114)	32 (146)	51 (129)	157	44	19% (69)
122. National-Louis University (IL)	35	54	31/18	-13 (204)	0 (237)	0 (231)	77	157	49% (3)
123. Utah State University*	35	37	48/42	-6 (164)	122 (81)	47 (136)	188	157	38% (9)
124. Southern Methodist University (TX)	35	15	70/72	2 (104)	10 (196)	40 (144)	115	157	32% (22)
125. Miami University, Oxford* (OH)	35	16	69/80	11 (60)	13 (181)	31 (163)	58	120	7% (221)
126. University of Dayton (OH)	35	14	71/76	5 (88)	47 (127)	15 (194)	75	64	12% (156)
127. Temple University (PA)	35	34	51/54	3 (98)	64 (114)	67 (108)	167	123	22% (59)
128. Clarkson University (NY)	34	26	59/64	5 (86)	8 (197)	14 (198)	165	15	6% (239)
129. University of Oklahoma*	34	24	61/54	-7 (173)	107 (92)	78 (95)	162	102	26% (41)
130. University of Hawaii, Manoa*	34	22	63/54	-9 (188)	162 (69)	92 (86)	170	22	11% (162)
131. University of South Florida*	34	29	56/56	0 (125)	198 (56)	77 (99)	178	73	12% (155)
132. State University of New York, Albany*	34	32	53/66	13 (47)	67 (110)	102 (78)	126	157	9% (203)
133. Ohio University*	34	26	59/70	11 (57)	37 (140)	50 (132)	109	148	11% (165)
134. University of South Carolina, Columbia*	33	23	62/61	-1 (127)	123 (79)	88 (91)	145	127	17% (87)
135. Brigham Young University (UT)	33	34	51/74	23 (10)	21 (167)	32 (160)	211	86	0% (244)
136. University of Miami (FL)	33	22	63/67	4 (92)	171 (67)	74 (101)	106	157	12% (150)
137. University of New Mexico*	33	37	48/42	-6 (170)	151 (73)	106 (74)	111	135	17% (86)
138. University of Connecticut*	32	15	70/70	0 (124)	96 (97)	160 (48)	161	142	12% (153)
139. University of Maryland, Baltimore County*	31	22	63/55	-8 (180)	267 (38)	64 (111)	113	157	21% (62)
140. Hofstra University (NY)	31	24	61/53	-8 (179)	1 (228)	22 (180)	224	78	35% (13)
141. Bowling Green State University* (OH)	30	23	62/65	3 (102)	5 (204)	50 (132)	156	108	17% (90)
142. Kansas State University*	30	26	59/56	-3 (139)	107 (91)	116 (70)	116	96	7% (224)
143. Nova Southeastern University (FL)	30	40	45/50	5 (90)	3 (213)	95 (84)	209	157	22% (55)
144. Wayne State University* (MI)	30	29	56/31	-25 (237)	199 (54)	132 (61)	147	157	39% (7)
145. University of Houston* (TX)	29	29	56/40	-16 (209)	69 (109)	102 (78)	144	153	33% (18)
146. State University of New York, Binghamton*	29	32	53/66	13 (50)	0 (237)	38 (146)	103	157	9% (205)
147. University of Tennessee*	29	21	64/59	-5 (155)	185 (60)	117 (69)	122	157	14% (122)
148. University of La Verne (CA)	29	35	50/50	0 (121)	0 (237)	3 (226)	47	157	18% (81)
149. Florida International University*	29	33	52/47	-5 (161)	48 (125)	32 (160)	198	110	25% (46)
150. South Dakota State University*	29	31	54/53	-1 (130)	20 (168)	12 (207)	125	34	9% (200)

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151. North Dakota State University*	29	27	58/53	-5(158)	72 (107)	33(157)	151	121	20%(67)
152. University of Kansas*	29	14	71/58	-13(205)	103 (93)	134(59)	59	104	9%(191)
153. Duquesne University (PA)	28	22	63/72	9(65)	6 (202)	18(188)	189	157	18%(77)
154. New Mexico State University*	28	38	47/43	-4(150)	103 (94)	51(129)	143	87	13%(145)
155. DePaul University (IL)	28	28	57/64	7(71)	2 (218)	17(189)	112	157	15%(114)
156. Kent State University* (OH)	27	34	51/49	-2(133)	13 (183)	58(120)	173	105	16%(101)
157. West Virginia University*	27	27	58/56	-2(134)	85 (103)	99(81)	185	79	7%(225)
158. University of Mississippi*	27	26	59/56	-3(145)	48 (123)	35(155)	172	67	15%(116)
159. George Mason University* (VA)	27	20	65/49	-16(211)	39 (136)	106(74)	73	111	18%(76)
160. University of South Alabama*	27	35	50/31	-19(218)	18 (172)	4(221)	193	19	26%(44)
161. Indiana University* (PA)	27	36	49/51	2(103)	1 (227)	11(210)	184	47	9%(204)
162. Union Institute and University (OH)	26	59	26/47	21(17)	0(237)	0(231)	228	157	5%(242)
163. University of Southern Mississippi*	26	44	41/46	5(87)	26 (155)	47(136)	186	129	8%(212)
164. Southern Illinois University, Carbondale*	26	36	49/43	-6(167)	54 (118)	57(121)	133	97	13%(144)
165. University of Cincinnati* (OH)	25	26	59/48	-11(197)	218 (51)	137(57)	135	145	7%(233)
166. University of Central Florida*	25	24	61/54	-7(178)	66 (112)	44(140)	204	141	22%(56)
167. University of Arkansas*	25	26	59/48	-11(198)	83 (104)	65(110)	134	53	11%(164)
168. Michigan Technological University	25	19	66/61	-5(159)	30 (150)	37(149)	139	48	9%(201)
169. University of North Dakota*	25	27	58/54	-4(152)	34 (144)	33(157)	152	63	11%(170)
170. Montana State University*	25	32	53/44	-9(186)	1 (226)	28(167)	49	72	7%(226)
171. Louisiana State University*	25	20	65/56	-9 (189)	198(55)	134 (59)	200	117	5% (241)
172. Illinois State University*	25	20	65/59	-6 (166)	4 (211)	7 (213)	159	68	17% (93)
173. Texas A&M University Commerce*	25	45	40/36	-4 (146)	0 (234)	1 (228)	228	157	31% (24)
174. Seton Hall University (NJ)	24	22	63/59	-4 (147)	1 (224)	17 (189)	203	30	8% (219)
175. Saint Louis University (MO)	24	13	72/71	1(129)	35 (142)	24 (175)	94	157	13% (135)
176. University of St. Thomas (MN)	24	15	70/74	4 (93)	0 (237)	0 (231)	84	157	10% (187)
177. Clark University (MA)	24	19	66/67	1 (110)	8 (198)	19 (185)	61	157	7% (228)
178. Tennessee State University*	23	52	33/45	12 (53)	15 (177)	12 (207)	228	157	9% (198)
179. Texas Christian University	23	14	71/65	-6 (171)	3 (214)	15 (194)	87	56	7% (229)
180. Louisiana Tech University*	23	28	57/52	-5 (160)	12 (185)	14 (198)	205	157	27% (40)
181. University of Alabama*	23	25	60/44	-16 (210)	37 (139)	74 (101)	160	99	21% (60)
182. The American University (DC)	23	11	74/71	-3 (141)	4 (206)	52 (127)	219	157	22% (58)
183. University of Nevada, Las Vegas*	22	20	65/38	-27 (242)	31 (149)	8 (212)	190	157	85% (1)
184. Pace University (NY)	22	34	51/56	5 (79)	0 (232)	0 (231)	223	157	15% (110)
185. Drexel University (PA)	22	18	67/57	-10 (194)	44 (131)	78 (95)	149	56	8% (220)
186. San Diego State University* (CA)	21	30	55/44	-11 (195)	64 (113)	21 (182)	128	149	17% (95)
187. East Carolina University (NC)*	21	27	58/54	-4 (151)	12 (189)	7 (213)	194	132	14% (126)
188. Clark Atlanta University (GA)	20	57	28/31	3 (97)	17 (175)	4 (221)	158	157	10% (177)
189. Andrews University (MI)	20	40	45/53	8 (69)	1 (230)	4 (221)	228	157	9% (189)
190. University of Rhode Island*	20	22	63/56	-7 (176)	53 (119)	46 (138)	150	113	8% (217)
191. Wright State University (OH)*	20	28	57/40	-17 (213)	31 (148)	13 (202)	187	107	24% (48)
192. University of Toledo (OH)	19	31	54/42	-12 (202)	25 (159)	28 (146)	217	98	17% (91)
193. University of Louisville (KY)*	19	24	61/35	-26 (240)	81 (105)	54 (125)	164	88	24% (47)
194. Stevens Institute of Technology (NJ)	18	22	63/68	5 (85)	14 (179)	29 (166)	228	157	7% (234)
195. University of Tulsa (OK)	18	21	64/55	-9 (185)	12 (187)	46 (193)	80	157	12% (151)
196. Texas Tech University*	18	21	64/54	-10 (191)	63 (115)	90 (87)	176	151	8% (215)
197. Western Michigan University*	18	19	66/56	-10 (192)	19 (170)	64 (111)	137	144	9% (190)
198. Northern Illinois University*	18	27	58/53	-5 (163)	10 (193)	38 (146)	199	136	9% (197)
199. Rutgers University, Newark* (NJ)	18	27	58/51	-7 (174)	23 (163)	37 (149)	218	157	17% (88)
200. Virginia Commonwealth University*	17	22	63/42	-21 (221)	110 (86)	69 (105)	130	157	20% (68)

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201. New School University (NY)	17	22	63/59	-4(149)	6(203)	50(132)	228	157	14%(130)
202. Washington State University*	17	28	57/31	-26(241)	139 (74)	90(87)	83	92	8%(218)
203. University of Texas, El Paso*	17	51	34/26	-8(181)	24(162)	22(180)	230	77	8%(216)
204. Northeastern University (MA)	16	13	72/60	-12(201)	39 (137)	73(104)	191	118	7%(227)
205. University of Akron (OH)	16	34	51/41	-10(193)	28(152)	74(101)	180	140	7%(232)
206. Biola University (CA)	16	25	60/51	-9(187)	0 (237)	5(217)	138	157	16%(105)
207. East Tennessee State University*	16	36	49/38	-11(200)	12 (186)	5(217)	183	95	10%(176)
208. Middle Tennessee State University*	16	27	58/40	-18(216)	0 (231)	1(228)	226	70	20%(64)
209. Central Michigan University*	15	25	60/49	-11(199)	2 (219)	13(194)	182	74	8%(213)
210. Indiana University-Purdue-Indianapolis*	15	29	56/23	-33(244)	179 (63)	0(231)	228	101	30%(30)
211. University of Alabama, Huntsville*	15	23	62/39	-23(229)	48 (121)	21(182)	212	157	31%(28)
212. Adelphi University (NY)	15	25	60/53	-7(177)	0 (236)	23(178)	148	157	11%(167)
213. Texas Southern University*	14	71	14/16	1(113)	4 (207)	4(221)	228	157	7%(230)
214. Idaho State	14	56	29/22	-7(175)	10 (194)	13(202)	206	157	13%(142)
215. New Jersey Institute of Technology	14	25	60/49	-11(196)	61 (117)	42(142)	216	157	13%(147)
216. University of Northern Colorado*	14	19	66/47	-19(219)	1 (222)	7(213)	99	157	20%(63)
217. University of Memphis (TN)	14	35	50/33	-17(212)	34 (145)	41(143)	207	84	10%(181)
218. University of North Carolina, Greensboro*	13	29	56/50	-6(169)	4 (205)	13(202)	181	157	9%(195)
219. University of Missouri, Kansas City*	13	21	64/41	-23(230)	24 (160)	26(172)	98	157	21%(61)
220. University of North Texas*	13	24	61/39	-22(227)	12 (184)	62(115)	171	157	23%(53)
221. University of Nevada, Reno*	13	14	71/48	-23(232)	67 (111)	69(105)	136	69	6%(238)
222. Texas Woman's University	12	37	48/35	-13(203)	3 (216)	28(167)	102	157	8%(214)
223. Portland State University* (OR)	12	32	53/33	-20(220)	18 (173)	24(175)	60	157	10%(179)
224. University of Colorado, Denver*	11	17	68/39	-29(243)	4 (209)	12(207)	124	157	29%(32)
225. University of Bridgeport (CT)	11	36	49/41	-8(183)	0 (237)	0(231)	141	157	7%(235)
226. University of Texas, Arlington*	11	26	59/37	-22(226)	15 (178)	48(135)	196	59	9%(206)
227. University of Alaska, Fairbanks*	11	20	66/24	-42(245)	116 (83)	36(153)	95	39	16%(104)
228. Ball State University* (IN)	11	23	62/49	-13(207)	4 (208)	13(202)	210	146	11%(171)
229. University of Texas, Dallas*	10	22	63/57	-6(168)	26 (154)	39(145)	222	157	3%(243)
230. Georgia State University*	9	29	56/32	-24(233)	45 (130)	61(116)	166	138	9%(202)
231. University of Massachusetts, Boston*	8	25	60/34	-26(238)	13 (182)	19(185)	195	157	22%(54)
232. Florida Atlantic University	8	27	58/35	-23(231)	24 (161)	28(167)	177	157	16%(99)
233. University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee*	7	22	63/39	-24(234)	25 (158)	59(119)	151	157	12%(152)
234. Alliant International University (CA)	7	43	42/38	-4(153)	0 (233)	0(231)	228	157	0%(244)
235. University of Hartford (CT)	6	15	70/52	-18(215)	1 (225)	0(231)	201	157	13%(143)
236. New Mexico Inst. of Mining and Tech.	6	25	60/42	-18(217)	36 (141)	6(216)	228	157	13%(139)
237. Wichita State University* (KS)	6	29	56/33	-23(228)	19 (171)	19(185)	192	157	14%(121)
238. Cleveland State University* (OH)	5	37	48/27	-21(222)	14 (180)	0(231)	168	157	12%(160)
239. Indiana State University*	4	29	56/39	-17(214)	1 (223)	17(189)	214	157	7%(236)
240. University of Massachusetts, Lowell	3	16	69/43	-26(239)	22 (165)	25(173)	174	157	12%(159)
241. University of New Orleans (LA)	3	39	46/24	-22(225)	25 (157)	25(173)	225	157	9%(194)
242. University of Louisiana, Lafayette*	2	34	51/30	-21(224)	48 (124)	14(198)	228	157	8%(211)
243. Oakland University (MI)	1	16	69/44	-25(236)	7 (200)	11(210)	202	157	11%(166)
244. University of Arkansas, Little Rock*	0	46	39/18	-21(223)	2 (220)	0(231)	221	157	7%(222)
245. University of Missouri, St. Louis*	0	22	63/38	-25(235)	12 (188)	21(182)	208	157	8%(208)

Editors' Note: In our September 2005 issue, from which this college guide is reprinted, two errors appeared. First, we incorrectly stated the Peace Corps ranking of American University; the correct ranking is #6. This correction moves American University's place in the overall ranking to # 81. Second, Knox College is located in Illinois, not Tennessee, as previously stated.

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1.Wellesley College (MA)	100	17	72/91	19 (6)	5498 (3)	15	15	14% (71)
2.Wesleyan University (CT)	95	14	75/91	16 (14)	5614 (2)	18	15	9% (138)
3.Bryn Mawr College (PA)	93	14	75/85	10 (34)	3502 (4)	2	15	32% (11)
4.Harvey Mudd College (CA)	84	13	76/83	7 (53)	7360 (1)	145	15	17% (48)
5.Fisk University (TN)	82	56	42/78	36 (2)	3030 (7)	112	15	15% (68)
6.Amherst College (MA)	79	16	74/97	23 (3)	2115 (15)	44	15	27% (15)
7.Haverford College (PA)	76	13	75/92	17 (13)	1215 (33)	25	15	38% (5)
8.Wofford College (SC)	76	17	73/79	6 (61)	0 (62)	72	2	19% (38)
9.Colby College (ME)	74	7	80/86	6 (63)	2939 (10)	16	15	21% (27)
10.Spelman College (GA)	71	33	60/83	23 (4)	3082 (6)	109	15	11%
11.Mount Holyoke College (MA)	71	20	70/79	9 (40)	2644 (12)	14	15	14% (74)
12.Virginia Military Institute	69	14	75/68	-7 (159)	695(41)	68	1	13% (89)
13.Presbyterian College (SC)	68	15	74/71	-3 (133)	0 (62)	172	3	28% (14)
14.Williams College (MA)	68	10	78/96	18 (8)	2961 (9)	79	15	9% (141)
15.Furman University (SC)	67	10	78/84	6 (65)	1414 (27)	121	14	38% (6)
16.Macalester College (MN)	67	15	74/82	8 (49)	3024 (8)	32	15	10% (123)
17.Middlebury College (VT)	65	9	78/91	13 (21)	1587 (22)	11	15	16% (61)
18.Barnard College (NY)	64	18	71/90	19 (7)	1064 (38)	26	15	19% (36)
19.Occidental College (CA)	64	27	65/78	13 (19)	2503 (13)	85	15	14% (75)
20.Bucknell University (PA)	63	12	76/89	13 (20)	1900 (18)	87	12	10% (121)
21.Swarthmore College (PA)	62	12	76/83	7 (55)	1574 (23)	12	15	16% (51)
22.Bates College (ME)	62	9	78/89	11 (33)	1217 (32)	29	15	22% (24)
23.Whitman College (WA)	60	11	77/85	8 (50)	278 (57)	9	15	28% (13)
24.Claremont McKenna College (CA)	60	12	76/83	7 (57)	0 (62)	19	4	9% (139)
25.Grinnell College (IA)	59	12	76/85	9 (43)	1098 (37)	1	15	8% (173)
26.Colorado College	59	16	73/77	4 (85)	1286 (30)	13	15	19% (34)
27.College of the Atlantic (ME)	58	27	65/82	17 (10)	0 (62)	4	15	16% (53)
28.Morehouse College (GA)	58	38	56/56	0 (112)	2853 (11)	134	13	10% (134)
29.Hamilton College (NY)	57	14	75/87	12 (23)	1821 (20)	67	15	12% (98)
30.Carleton College (MN)	57	11	77/89	12 (24)	1688 (21)	43	15	10% (126)
31.Dickinson College (PA)	57	11	77/79	2 (90)	1475 (26)	96	7	13% (89)
32.Washington and Lee University (VA)	57	5	82/88	6 (64)	0 (62)	40	15	48% (2)
33.Smith College (MA)	57	27	65/73	8 (48)	1827 (19)	55	15	13% (87)
34.Siena College (NY)	56	18	72/77	5 (69)	0 (62)	146	9	34% (9)
35.Bowdoin College (ME)	56	12	77/90	13 (18)	1176 (34)	23	15	9% (151)
36.Pomona College (CA)	55	11	77/83	6 (68)	2063 (16)	50	15	10% (135)
37.Oberlin College (OH)	55	17	73/83	10 (35)	439 (48)	24	15	21% (29)
38.St.Olaf College (MN)	55	14	75/92	17 (11)	847 (40)	37	15	11% (116)
39.Lewis and Clark College (OR)	54	18	72/71	-1 (118)	593 (42)	8	15	23% (21)
40.Willamette University (OR)	54	21	69/80	11 (31)	254 (59)	6	15	13% (85)
41.Colgate University (NY)	54	11	77/89	12 (25)	1544 (24)	54	15	8% (164)
42.Union College (NY)	53	15	74/83	9 (44)	2316 (14)	104	15	7% (191)
43.Connecticut College	53	10	78/86	8 (46)	542 (43)	22	15	17% (47)
44.College of the Holy Cross (MA)	52	9	79/90	11 (27)	532 (44)	122	11	11% (114)
45.Lane College (TN)	51	92	14/79	65 (1)	0 (62)	172	15	7% (185)
46.Knox College (TN)	51	24	67/78	11 (30)	60 (61)	53	15	24% (18)
47.Lafayette College (PA)	50	8	79/86	7 (56)	1344 (28)	116	15	18% (41)
48.Wheaton College (IL)	50	14	75/86	11 (26)	0 (62)	76	6	7% (182)
49.Hampshire College (MA)	49	18	71/60	-11 (169)	3224 (5)	143	15	12% (96)
50.Evergreen State College (WA)	47	38	56/52	-4 (144)	441 (47)	60	15	31% (12)

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51. St. John's College (MD)	47	23	68/77	9 (39)	0 (62)	10	15	8% (174)
52. Franklin and Marshall College (PA)	46	8	80/84	4 (75)	989 (39)	30	15	7% (190)
53. Pine Manor College (MA)	46	47	49/50	1 (104)	0 (62)	126	15	36% (7)
54. Skidmore College (NY)	46	14	75/86	11 (29)	519 (45)	74	15	12% (102)
55. College of St. Benedict (SC)	46	19	71/79	8 (47)	0 (62)	80	15	23% (22)
56. St. Mary's College of Maryland*	45	12	77/81	4 (77)	274 (58)	36	15	17% (49)
57. University of Puget Sound (WA)	45	14	75/77	2 (89)	0 (62)	3	15	8% (162)
58. Vassar College (NY)	45	13	76/88	12 (22)	0 (62)	65	15	15% (65)
59. Reed College (OR)	44	17	72/67	5 (148)	1145 (35)	35	15	13% (81)
60. Bethany College (WV)	44	38	56/73	17 (12)	0 (62)	70	15	9% (145)
61. St. John's University	43	16	74/74	0 (105)	0 (62)	125	5	11% (113)
62. Talladega College (AL)	43	82	22/42	20 (5)	0 (62)	172	15	16% (59)
63. Kenyon College (OH)	43	8	79/84	5 (73)	0 (62)	27	15	14% (77)
64. Luther College (IA)	43	21	69/79	10 (36)	0 (62)	47	15	12% (101)
65. Allegheny College (PA)	43	23	68/67	-1 (121)	1306 (29)	84	15	11% (110)
66. St. John's College (NM)	42	29	63/77	14 (17)	0 (62)	61	15	9% (154)
67. Davidson College (NC)	42	7	80/90	10 (37)	0 (62)	34	15	8% (166)
68. Beloit College (WI)	42	16	73/72	-1 (122)	0 (62)	5	15	10% (124)
69. Hope College (MI)	42	15	74/75	1 (99)	1514 (25)	107	15	7% (181)
70. Agnes Scott College (GA)	42	28	64/65	1 (100)	0 (62)	49	15	20% (31)
71. Scripps College (CA)	41	13	75/83	8 (52)	0 (62)	31	15	8% (161)
72. Wells College (NY)	41	45	51/69	18 (9)	0 (62)	172	15	14% (80)
73. Southwestern University (TX)	41	14	75/77	2 (92)	0 (62)	52	15	18% (42)
74. Pitzer College (CA)	41	23	68/83	15 (15)	287 (52)	119	15	7% (180)
75. Eckerd College (FL)	41	29	63/65	2 (91)	0 (62)	20	15	10% (129)
76. Ohio Wesleyan University	41	19	71/67	-4 (141)	284 (54)	88	15	26% (16)
77. Kalamazoo College (MI)	40	9	79/77	-2 (124)	0 (62)	7	15	8% (158)
78. University of the South, Sewanee (TN)	40	14	75/80	5 (72)	0 (62)	48	15	13% (86)
79. Hobart and William Smith College (NY)	40	21	69/71	2 (95)	0 (62)	95	15	22% (23)
80. Trinity College (CT)	40	14	75/84	9 (38)	464 (46)	129	15	10% (122)
81. Washington and Jefferson College (PA)	40	23	67/75	8 (51)	0 (62)	172	15	23% (20)
82. Juniata College (PA)	39	25	66/75	9 (42)	283 (55)	120	15	12% (99)
83. Gustavus Adolphus College (MN)	39	17	73/77	4 (76)	0 (62)	28	15	8% (157)
84. St. Augustine's College (NC)	39	72	30/33	3 (87)	0 (62)	166	8	9% (144)
85. Salem College (NC)	39	41	54/58	4 (80)	0 (62)	77	15	17% (50)
86. Birmingham - Southern College (AL)	39	13	75/76	1 (102)	0 (62)	114	15	23% (19)
87. Wittenberg University (PA)	38	22	68/71	3 (88)	0 (62)	41	15	11% (109)
88. Houghton College (NY)	37	35	58/73	15 (16)	0 (62)	144	15	8% (167)
89. Concordia College - Moorhead (MN)	37	23	68/66	-2 (126)	0 (62)	124	15	25% (17)
90. College of Wooster (OH)	37	16	73/68	-5 (149)	362 (50)	33	15	12% (107)
91. Denison University (OH)	37	13	76/77	1 (97)	373 (49)	57	15	9% (155)
92. Hartwick College (NY)	37	30	63/61	-2 (125)	0 (62)	89	15	21% (28)
93. Randolph - Macon College (VA)	37	15	74/85	11 (32)	0 (62)	133	15	11% (119)
94. Hollins University (VA)	37	28	64/64	0 (109)	0 (62)	39	15	12% (106)
95. Westminster College (PA)	37	26	66/77	11 (28)	0 (62)	160	15	12% (94)
96. Bennington College (VT)	36	26	66/67	1 (98)	0 (62)	42	15	10% (127)
97. Goshen College (IN)	36	22	68/66	-2 (128)	0 (62)	17	15	7% (179)
98. Erskine College (SC)	36	24	67/71	4 (82)	0 (62)	136	15	18% (43)
99. Alma College (MI)	36	26	66/72	6 (58)	0 (62)	113	15	13% (90)
100. Austin College (TX)	36	23	68/74	6 (62)	0 (62)	83	15	9% (148)

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101.St. Lawrence University (NY)	35	20	70/75	5 (71)	0 (62)	103	15	12% (95)
102.Mills College (CA)	35	37	57/62	5 (70)	0 (62)	73	15	8% (175)
103.Goucher College (MD)	35	18	71/69	-2 (130)	0 (62)	63	15	16% (60)
104.Ursinus College (PA)	35	22	69/78	9 (41)	0 (62)	127	15	9% (143)
105.Coe College (IA)	35	28	64/70	6 (60)	0 (62)	157	15	15% (66)
106.Hastings College (NE)	34	30	62/64	2 (94)	0 (62)	86	15	12% (100)
107.McDaniel College (MD)	34	16	73/73	0 (111)	0 (62)	172	10	7% (191)
108.DePauw University (IN)	34	13	76/75	-1 (115)	0 (62)	38	15	8% (168)
109.Earlham College (IN)	34	24	67/71	4 (84)	0 (62)	90	15	10% (129)
110.Antioch College (OH)	34	64	36/43	7 (54)	0 (62)	172	15	15% (69)
111.Randolph-Macon Woman's College (VA)	34	23	68/61	-7 (158)	0 (62)	75	15	20% (30)
112.California State University, Monterey Bay*	34	41	54/33	-21 (188)	1911 (17)	171	15	19% (33)
113.Lawrence University (WI)	34	20	70/69	-1 (120)	0 (62)	56	15	11% (115)
114.Albright College (PA)	34	24	67/67	0 (110)	0 (62)	128	15	17% (45)
115.Millsaps College (MS)	33	25	66/70	4 (83)	0 (62)	153	15	15% (63)
116.Chatham College (PA)	33	34	59/60	1 (103)	0 (62)	111	15	15% (67)
117.University of Minnesota, Morris*	33	30	62/68	6 (66)	0 (62)	168	15	14% (78)
118.Cornell College (IA)	33	28	64/68	4 (78)	0 (62)	106	15	10% (130)
119.Roanoake College (VA)	33	21	69/61	-8 (161)	0 (62)	66	15	19% (35)
120.Lake Forest College (IL)	33	24	67/66	-1 (113)	283 (56)	142	15	14% (79)
121.Moravian College (PA)	33	19	71/71	0 (107)	0 (62)	164	15	18% (39)
122.Lycoming College (PA)	33	27	65/66	1 (101)	0 (62)	162	15	17% (46)
123.Westmont College (CA)	32	15	74/71	-3 (135)	0 (62)	117	15	18% (40)
124.Augustana College (IL)	32	17	73/77	4 (79)	0 (62)	108	15	9% (153)
125.Stephens College (MO)	32	20	70/49	-21 (189)	0 (62)	71	15	32% (10)
126.Susquehanna University (PA)	32	16	73/78	5 (74)	0 (62)	152	15	12% (103)
127.Shawnee State University* (OH)	32	57	41/24	-17 (182)	0 (62)	172	15	40% (4)
128.Franklin Pierce College (NH)	32	28	64/46	-18 (185)	0 (62)	172	15	44% (3)
129.Albion College (MI)	32	15	74/68	-6 (151)	0 (62)	64	15	14% (72)
130.Sarah Lawrence College (NY)	32	13	76/72	-4 (140)	0 (62)	78	15	13% (84)
131.Huntingdon College (AL)	31	33	60/57	-3 (136)	0 (62)	172	15	22% (25)
132.St.Vincent College (PA)	31	23	68/74	6 (59)	0 (62)	172	15	11% (112)
133.Centre College (TN)	31	17	72/81	9 (45)	0 (62)	172	15	9% (156)
134.Hendrix College (AR)	31	22	68/64	-4 (142)	0 (62)	102	15	15% (62)
135.Nebraska Wesleyan University	31	28	64/64	0 (108)	0 (62)	82	15	8% (171)
136.Hiram College (OH)	31	32	60/59	-1 (123)	0 (62)	69	15	8% (169)
137.Drew University (NJ)	30	16	74/75	1 (99)	0 (62)	94	15	7% (188)
138.Rosemont College (PA)	30	21	69/67	-2 (127)	0 (62)	62	15	7% (184)
139.Guilford College (NC)	30	32	60/57	-3 (137)	0 (62)	51	15	6% (193)
140.Gettysburg College (PA)	30	12	76/75	-1 (119)	0 (62)	101	15	10% (137)
141.Sweet Briar College (VA)	29	15	74/67	-7 (154)	0 (62)	46	15	8% (163)
142.Ripon College (WI)	29	25	66/62	-4 (143)	0 (62)	58	15	8% (177)
143.Lees-McRae College (NC)	29	29	63/39	-24 (192)	0 (62)	149	15	52% (1)
144.Wabash College (IN)	29	21	69/75	6 (67)	0 (62)	92	15	0% (196)
145.Gordon College (MA)	29	23	68/67	-1 (117)	0 (62)	97	15	8% (170)
146.Monmouth College (IL)	29	29	63/66	3 (86)	0 (62)	156	15	9% (147)
147.Wheaton College (MA)	29	16	73/75	2 (93)	0 (62)	130	15	7% (178)
148.Emory and Henry College (VA)	29	32	61/57	-4 (139)	0 (62)	91	15	10% (131)
149.Whittier College (CA)	29	33	60/53	-7 (157)	0 (62)	93	15	14% (76)
150.Oglethorpe College (GA)	29	22	69/60	-9 (163)	0 (62)	59	15	11% (111)

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151. St. Anselm College (NH)	29	15	74/73	-1(114)	0(62)	141	15	11%(120)
152. Richard Stockton College (NJ)	28	26	66/65	-1(116)	0(62)	154	15	12%(105)
153. Hampden-Sydney College (VA)	28	11	77/59	-18(186)	0(62)	21	15	12%(97)
154. Muskingum College (OH)	28	30	63/63	0(106)	0(62)	147	15	9%(146)
155. University of North Carolina, Asheville*	28	23	68/51	-17(180)	1232(31)	100	15	7%(183)
156. Rhodes College (TN)	28	10	78/75	-3(132)	0(62)	81	15	6%(194)
157. Long Island Univ., Southampton Coll. (NY)	27	50	47/45	-2(129)	0(62)	132	15	10%(136)
158. Judson College (AL)	27	43	52/46	-6(152)	0(62)	172	15	19%(37)
159. Paine College (GA)	27	74	28/32	4(81)	0(62)	172	15	7%(187)
160. Bard College (NY)	27	16	73/68	-5(147)	0(62)	118	15	11%(108)
161. Wesleyan College (GA)	27	36	58/44	-14(173)	0(62)	131	15	22%(26)
162. Transylvania University (KY)	27	19	71/64	-7(156)	0(62)	163	15	16%(52)
163. Fort Lewis College (CO)	26	29	63/31	-32(197)	286(53)	115	15	36%(8)
164. Hanover College (IN)	26	18	71/67	-4(145)	0(62)	45	15	0%(196)
165. West Virginia Wesleyan College	26	30	62/55	-7(160)	0(62)	165	15	16%(35)
166. University of Virginia, Wise*	26	43	52/47	-5(146)	0(62)	172	15	14%(70)
167. University of Dallas (TX)	26	24	67/60	-7(155)	116(60)	135	15	11%(117)
168. Washington College (MD)	26	10	78/65	-13(171)	0(62)	99	15	16%(54)
169. Muhlenberg College (PA)	24	8	80/77	-3(131)	0(62)	170	15	8%(159)
170. Lindsey Wilson College (KY)	24	66	35/29	-6(150)	0(62)	172	15	13%(91)
171. Eastern Mennonite University (VA)	24	27	64/61	-3(138)	0(62)	150	15	8%(176)
172. Illinois Wesleyan University	24	11	77/74	-3(134)	0(62)	169	15	8%(165)
173. Bethel College (TN)	23	65	37/30	-7(153)	0(62)	172	15	13%(92)
174. Schreiner University (TX)	23	49	48/38	-10(166)	0(62)	172	15	16%(58)
175. Bridgewater College (VA)	23	24	67/59	-8(162)	0(62)	123	15	9%(150)
176. Albertson College (ID)	23	27	65/52	-13(172)	0(62)	172	15	19%(32)
177. Lyon College (AR)	23	33	60/50	-10(167)	0(62)	172	15	15%(64)
178. Marlboro College (VT)	23	30	62/45	-17(183)	0(62)	98	15	16%(57)
179. Seton Hill University (PA)	21	34	59/50	-9(165)	0(62)	151	15	9%(149)
180. Coastal Carolina University (SC)*	21	28	64/37	-27(196)	1100(36)	167	15	14%(73)
181. Georgetown College (KY)	20	23	68/59	-9(164)	0(62)	159	15	8%(172)
182. Westminster College (MO)	20	25	66/51	-15(175)	0(62)	110	15	10%(128)
183. Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	19	32	61/47	-14(174)	0(62)	138	15	9%(140)
184. Blackburn College (IL)	18	44	51/39	-12(170)	0(62)	19	15	6%(195)
185. Olivet College (MI)	17	51	46/31	-15(176)	0(62)	172	15	12%(104)
186. William Jewell College (MO)	17	18	71/56	-15(177)	0(62)	158	15	10%(133)
187. Virginia Wesleyan College	15	27	64/47	-17(184)	0(62)	155	15	9%(142)
188. King College (TN)	14	30	62/43	-19(187)	0(62)	137	15	7%(186)
189. Virginia Union University	14	61	39/22	-17(179)	0(62)	172	15	8%(160)
190. University of Maine, Presque Isle*	14	41	54/30	-24(193)	0(62)	172	15	16%(56)
191. Mesa State University (CO)	14	37	57/32	-25(194)	0(62)	140	15	12%(93)
192. Thomas Aquinas College (CA)	13	0	86/75	-11(168)	0(62)	172	15	0%(196)
193. Western State College (CO)	12	26	65/31	-34(200)	321(51)	105	15	13%(82)
194. Marymount Manhattan College (NY)	11	25	66/43	-23(191)	0(62)	148	15	7%(189)
195. Adrian College (MI)	10	28	64/41	-23(190)	0(62)	172	15	9%(152)
196. University of Pittsburgh, Greensburg (PA)*	10	30	62/46	-16(178)	0(62)	172	15	0%(196)
197. Christopher Newport University (VA)	9	20	70/37	-33(199)	0(62)	161	15	1%(44)
198. University of Pittsburgh, Bradford (PA)*	9	35	58/41	-17(181)	0(62)	172	15	0%(196)
199. Greensboro College (NC)	6	39	63/30	-33(198)	0(62)	172	15	13%(83)
200. St. Andrew's Presbyterian College (NC)	3	31	61/35	-26(195)	0(62)	172	15	0%(196)

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